

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 117
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Denise Masengill on
being named Union Heights Elementary School
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Denise Masengill of Union Heights Elementary School is one such
estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication,
ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Denise Masengill has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for her
school, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive
influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding educator places great emphasis on education in her
personal life as well, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education at
Carson-Newman College, where she also achieved a Master of Science degree in Curriculum
and Instruction; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for twenty-three
years, sixteen of which have been dutifully served by teaching the fifth grade at Union Heights
Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Denise Masengill is an extremely talented and compassionate educator
who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; her students and
their families consider themselves tremendously blessed by their association with her; and

WHEREAS, a true leader in her profession, she is the Reading Coordinator for grades
three through five at her school, the coordinator for the Modern Woodmen Speech Contest, and
a point of contact for "Building a Presence for Science"; she also sponsors the Beta and 4-H

Clubs, supervises and mentors new teachers, and coached the county's First Place Scholastic Bowl Team; and

WHEREAS, she has conscientiously taught her students about the importance of serving the needs of the less fortunate by leading them in touring and collecting funds for Volunteer Blind Industries, making and delivering lunches to the Daily Bread, as well as providing services for Toys for Tots, nursing homes, and the animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, as one whose friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her, she truly serves as an inspiration to her family, friends, peers, and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Denise Masengill epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Denise Masengill on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for Union Heights Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.